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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 6, 2003 (Paper No. 0503) (herein referred to as "the Restriction Requirement"), setting forth a thirty (30) day shortened statutory period for reply. As this response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for response of thirty (30) days, no fee is required. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 AND 372

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-22 and 24-32, without traverse. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification.

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